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**TOWN of STRAFFORD**

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For the year ending  
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IS DEDICATED TO PHYLLIS LYNBOURG  
WHO HAS DEVOTED SO MANY YEARS  
TO THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD AS  
TOWN CLERK AND TOWN TREASURER.

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **SELECTMEN**

Thomas L. Davis

James O. Wilder

Albert W. Leighton

### **TOWN CLERK**

Billye Waldron

### **TOWN TREASURER**

Bertha Huckins

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Marjorie Stiles

### **MODERATOR**

Russell C. Shillaber

### **SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST**

Jo Ann Brown

Myrtle Hammer

Dorothy Bernaatz

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Neil Mooers

### **AUDITORS**

Stephen J. Seeman, Ph.D.

Robert Sawyer

### **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

M. Justine Leighton

Errol Clark

Eleanor G. Sawyer

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Katrina Rhodes

Ann Tabory

Bernice Omand

### **LIBRARIAN**

Ellen E. Stiles

### **FIRE WARDEN**

Glen Pierce

### **DEPUTIES**

George Thorne

Harley Winkley

John MacDougall

Howard Ambrose

**ROAD AGENT**  
Radford Messenger

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**  
Robert L. Evans

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
Neil Mooers

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
James P. Savitts      William Porter      Carl Brown-Chief of Police  
R. Stephen Leighton      E. Laurentz  
Andrea Crosby - Dog Officer

**PLANNING BOARD**  
Lester Huckins      Thomas Davis      Mark Thompson  
David Dupee      David Whitcher

**ALTERNATES**  
David Bennett      John Creamer      John Penney

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
Philip Dame      Rene A. Morin      Robert Chadbourn  
Michael Barry      Stephen Leighton

**ALTERNATES**  
Albert Leighton      George Thorne

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
John Bozak      Gail Barry      Jo Ann Brown  
Neil Mooers      James Cullen      Marion Conroy  
Robert Evans

**RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Robert Omand      John B. Penney  
Denis Thorne      Bruce Matthews



# TOWN WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 10:00 to 6:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Thirteenth (13) day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- \*\* 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To consider the adoption of Amendments to the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. These items appear on the official ballot.

\*\*NOTE: All articles except No. 1 and No. 3 will be taken up at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 13th, 1984 at the Elementary School.

4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set offs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herein or take any other action thereon:

APPROPRIATION	AMOUNT
Ambulance .....	\$1,000
Fire Department .....	\$1,000
Library .....	\$1,000
Police Department .....	\$1,000
Rural Health .....	\$1,000

5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$12,450 for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department. (\$1,000 from Revenue Sharing).

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,950 as the Town's share of the cost of providing ambulance service by the Center Barnstead Fire Department (\$1,000 from Revenue Sharing).

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$150,000 for Highways and Bridges.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,860 for the support of the Rural District Health Council. (\$1,000 from Revenue Sharing).

9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,000 for maintenance and supplies for the rescue vehicle.

10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000 for training purposes for members of SMERT.

11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500 to purchase and install an electric garage door opener, to be installed on the Bow Lake Fire Station where the rescue vehicle is garaged.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300 for support of the Conservation Commission.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$7,070 for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Library. (\$1,000 from Revenue Sharing).

14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,100 to help defray the cost for a water quality testing program for Bow Lake being conducted for the Bow Lake Camp Owners Association by the University of New Hampshire. Total cost of this project is \$2,200. By Petition.

15. To see if the Town will vote to accept Parshley Lane as a town road. Parshley Lane meets all the requirements for a town road.

16. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road the following:

a. Barberry Lane in Whig Hill Estates approximately 1100' in length.

b. Beaver Brook Drive in Whig Hill Estates approximately 900' in length.

c. Ledgewood Drive in Whig Hill Estates approximately 600' in length.

d. Sunny Oaks in Whig Hill Estates approximately 500' to Lot S-3.

All of the above roads are built to Town Road standards and completed.

17. To see if the Town will vote to accept approximately 1060 feet of the Garland Road starting just beyond the old Trudenbach home and ending at the Strafford-Northwood town line. By Petition.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,585 to operate and maintain the Strafford Fire Department. (\$1,000 from Revenue Sharing).

19. To see if the Town will authorize the sum not to exceed \$100,000 for the purchase of a new combination pumper/tanker in 1984, purchase equipment for the truck and to repair existing apparatus. \$35,000 to be raised and appropriated in 1984 and the balance to be borrowed from one of the Rochester banks to be repaid in two equal annual payments.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE TO BE OMITTED IF ARTICLE 19 PASSES

20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$40,000 for the needed maintainance and safety repairs to the existing equipment of the Strafford Fire Department.

21. To see if the Town will vote to restrict the use of the beach at Bow Lake Dam to Town residents or others by permit only as determined by the

Recreation Commission and further to empower the Recreation Commission to devise measures to enforce this restriction and further will the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000 for a fence and \$1,000 for personnel to implement this article.

22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$4,650 for the support of the Recreation Commission.

23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$15,000 for Public Welfare.

24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$30,000 to operate and maintain the Town's solid waste disposal center.

25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300 as a donation to the Bow Lake Community Club to help defray the cost of the Fourth of July fireworks display.

26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$300 for the observance of Memorial Day.

27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$500 for the support of the Strafford County Community Action Program.

28. To see if the Town of Strafford will consider a noise ordinance, specifically no construction work before 7 o'clock A.M. By Petition.

29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend money from the State, Federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the year in accordance with procedures set forth in RSA 21:95b.

30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize prepayment of resident taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payments as provided by RSA 80:1a.

31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey property or tax liens acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's Deed, by public auction, or advertised sealed bid or in such other manner as determined by the Selectmen or as justice may require.

32. To see if the Town will grant a 2% discount on taxes paid within ten days of the mailing of the tax bill.

33. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

34. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four.

Thomas L. Davis  
James O. Wilder  
Albert W. Leighton  
Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Thomas L. Davis

James O. Wilder

Albert W. Leightoin

Selectmen of Stafford

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, NH

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriation 1983 (1983-84)	Actual Expenditure 1983 (1983-84)	Appropriation Ensuing Fiscal Year 1984 (1984-85)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
Town Officers Salary	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,545	\$ 9,000
Town Officers Expenses	10,000	9,283	11,200
Election and Registration Expenses	1,000	586	1,500
General Government Buildings	1,000	2,631	3,000
Reappraisal of Property	2,000	2,000	3,000
Planning and Zoning	1,000	523	2,000
Legal Expenses	2,000	551	2,000
Advertising and Regional Association	1,200	912	1,200
Contingency Fund	1,000	1,000	2,000
Auto Permits	2,100	2,414	3,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Police Department	12,000	10,339	12,450
Fire Department	13,105	15,212	13,585
Civil Defense	250	-0-	250
<b>HIGHWAYS, STREETS &amp; BRIDGES</b>			
Town Maintenance	75,000	97,262	100,000
General Highway Department Expenses	50,000	61,925	50,000
Town Road Aid	1,000	-0-	-0-
Street Lighting	1,600	1,515	1,600
<b>SANITATION</b>			
Solid Waste Disposal	20,000	33,075	30,000
<b>HEALTH</b>			
Health Department & R.D.H.C.	5,577	5,569	5,860
Hospitals and Ambulances	5,541	5,548	5,950
Animal Control	1,200	1,232	1,500
Vital Statistics	400	257	400
S.M.E.R.T.	1,000	1,141	2,500
Training of Rescue Crew	1,000	1,000	1,000

	Approp. 1983 (1983-84)	Actual Expend. 1983 (1983-84)	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1984 (1984-85)
WELFARE			
General Assistance & Welfare	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,271	\$ 15,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Library	6,500	6,647	7,070
Parks and Recreation	3,600	3,512	4,650
Patriotic Purposes & Fireworks	400	400	600
Conservation Commission	200	403	300
DEBT SERVICE			
Interest Expense-Tax			
Anticipation Notes	5,000	5,826	6,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Tax Map	800	505	0
Fire Dept. Equip.	3,500	2,105	0
Town Offices	30,000	30,051	0
Rec. Dept. Fence & attendant			3,000
Water Testing Bow Lake			1,100
Overhaul & Maint. of Fire			
Trucks			40,000
Purchase & Equip. New Fire			
Truck			100,000
Strafford Cty. Community			
Action			500
MISCELLANEOUS			
FICA, Retirement & Pension			
Contributions	3,500	3,037	3,500
Insurance	12,000	9,035	12,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$293,473	\$337,312	\$456,715

Less Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes \$183,950

Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)  
\$272,765.

	Approp. 1983 (1983-84)	Actual Expend. 1983 (1983-84)	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1984 (1984-85)
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TAXES			
Resident Taxes	11,500	12,790	12,000
National Bank Stock Taxes	-0-	-0-	-0-
Yield Taxes	10,000	20,097	15,000
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	5,000	12,401	10,000
Inventory Penalties	200	186	200
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Meals and Rooms Tax (Now	9,000)		
Interest and Dividends (Called			
Tax Block	3,500)	39,291	35,000
Savings Bank Tax Grant)	4,500)		
Highway Subsidy	13,407	25,015	25,000
Add'l Highway. Subsidy	8,644	6,109	5,000
Business Profits Tax	13,000	4,349	5,000
Motor Vehicle Fees - from State	2,500	2,741	2,500
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	55,000	69,002	60,000
Dog Licenses	1,200	1,131	1,100
Business Licenses, Permits and			
Filing Fees	1,000	1,637	1,500
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments Rec.,			
Cons., History	1,000	3,540	1,000
Plan. Bd. & Bd. of Adj.	500	468	500
Vital Statistics	150	234	150
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest on Deposits	3,000	6,549	5,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Revenue Sharing Fund	7,500	5,821	5,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND			
CREDITS	\$150,601	\$211,361	\$183,950



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1983

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated 14 February 1984

Thomas L. Davis, James O. Wilder, Albert W. Leighton

### ASSETS

#### Cash:

All funds in custody of treasurer . . . . .	\$177,985.60	
Savings Acct. (Revenue Sharing) . . . . .	<u>1,680.52</u>	
TOTAL CASH . . . . .		\$179,666.12

#### Capital Reserve Funds:

Recycling Center (Principle & Interest) . . . . .	<u>54,817.48</u>	
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS . . . . .		54,817.48

#### UNREDEEMED TAXES:

Levy of 1982 . . . . .	39,376.77	
Levy of 1981 . . . . .	29,740.21	
Levy of 1980 . . . . .	<u>27,596.35</u>	
TOTAL UNREDEEMED TAXES . . . . .		96,713.33

#### UNCOLLECTED TAXES:

Levy of 1983 . . . . .	133,983.52	
Levy of 1982 . . . . .	172.43	
Previous Years . . . . .	<u>4,273.42</u>	
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES . . . . .		<u>138,429.37</u>

TOTAL ASSETS . . . . .		<u><u>\$469,626.30</u></u>
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Fund Balance--December 31, 1982 . . . . .	76,198.72
Fund Balance--December 31, 1983 . . . . .	177,985.60
Change in Financial Condition . . . . .	101,786.88

### LIABILITIES

#### ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN:

Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't) . . . . .	10,032.00
School District Tax Payable . . . . .	<u>329,121.00</u>

TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN . . . . .	\$339,153.00
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# CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:

Recycling Center .....	\$ 54,817.48
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS ..	\$ 54,817.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	393,970.48
FUND BALANCE .....	75,655.82
GRAND TOTAL .....	<u>\$469,626.30</u>

## RECEIPTS

### FROM LOCAL TAXES:

Property Taxes — Current Year — 1983 ..	759,583.12
Resident Taxes — Current Year — 1983 ..	11,410.00
Yield Taxes — Current Year — 1983 ....	12,644.12
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes	
Previous Years .....	106,407.97
Resident Taxes — Previous Years .....	1,380.00
Land Use Change Tax — Current	
and Prior Years .....	3,395.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes ...	12,401.57
Penalties Resident Taxes .....	186.00
Tax sales redeemed .....	39,269.66
Posting Costs & Abatements .....	<u>22,053.95</u>

### TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED .....

\$968,731.39

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES:

Interest and Dividends Tax .....	39,291.84
Highway Subsidy .....	25,016.69
Add'l Highway Subsidy .....	6,109.60
Business Profits Tax .....	4,349.41
Motor Vehicle Tax .....	2,741.65
Vital Statistics .....	<u>234.00</u>

77,743.19

### LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees .....	69,002.00
Dog Licenses .....	1,131.25
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	128.81
Fines .....	7.01
Total Licenses and Permits .....	70,269.07

### CHARGES FOR SERVICES:

Income from Departments & History	
Books .....	3,540.11

## CHARGES FOR SERVICES continued

Plan. Bd. & Bd. of Adj. ....	\$ 468.00	
Building Permits .....	<u>1,509.50</u>	
Total Charges for Services .....		\$ 5,517.61
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:</b>		
Interests on Deposits .....	6,860.86	
Taxes Bought by Town .....	38,853.25	
Insurance Adjustment .....	933.00	
Refunds .....	<u>1,888.59</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues .....		48,535.70
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</b>		
Revenue Sharing Fund .....	5,510.00	
Surplus Funds .....	<u>100,000.00</u>	
Total Other Financing Sources .....		105,510.00
<b>NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS:</b>		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes .....	220,000.00	
Yield Tax Security Deposits .....	<u>10,032.00</u>	
Total Non-Revenue Receipts .....		230,032.00
Total Receipts from All Sources .....		1,506,338.96
Cash on Hand January 1, 1983 — (July 1, 1983) .....		<u>76,198.72</u>
Grand Total .....		1,582,537.68

## PAYMENTS

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town Officers' Salaries .....	8,545.05	
Town Officers' Expenses .....	9,283.96	
Election and Registration expenses .....	586.31	
General Government Buildings .....	2,631.81	
Reappraisal of Property & Tax Map .....	2,505.70	
Planning & Zoning .....	524.34	
Legal Expenses .....	551.07	
Advertising and Regional Association ...	912.34	
Contingency Fund .....	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total General Governmental Expenses .		26,540.58

### PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department .....	10,339.38
Fire Department .....	17,317.25

PUBLIC SAFETY continued

Other Public Safety Expenses, Auto permits . . . . .	\$ 2,414.50	
Total Public Safety Expenses . . . . .		\$30,071.13

HIGHWAYS, STREET, BRIDGES

Town Maintenance . . . . .	97,263.25	
General Highway Department Expenses . . . . .	61,925.48	
Street Lighting . . . . .	1,515.58	
Total Highways and Bridges Expenses . . . . .	160,704.31	

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal . . . . .	33,075.78	
Total Sanitation Expenses . . . . .		33,075.78

HEALTH

Health Department & Ambulance . . . . .	11,117.88	
Animal Control . . . . .	1,232.89	
Vital Statistics . . . . .	257.50	
SMERT . . . . .	2,141.85	
Total Health Expenses . . . . .		14,750.12

WELFARE

General Assistance . . . . .	8,351.27	
Old Age Assistance . . . . .	4,920.13	
Total Welfare Expenses . . . . .		13,271.40

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Library . . . . .	6,647.00	
Parks and Recreation . . . . .	3,512.86	
Patriotic Purposes & Fireworks . . . . .	400.00	
Conservation Commission . . . . .	403.77	
Total Culture and Recreational Expenses . . . . .		10,963.63

DEBT SERVICE

Interest Expense — Tax Anticipation Notes . . . . .	5,826.67	
Total Debt Service Payments . . . . .		5,826.67

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Town Office . . . . .	30,051.00	
Total Capital Outlay . . . . .		30,051.00

MISCELLANEOUS

FICA. Retirement & Pension Contributions . . . . .	3,037.88	
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# MISCELLANEOUS continued

Insurance . . . . .	\$ 9,035.07	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses . . . . .		\$12,072.95

# UNCLASSIFIED

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes . . . . .	220,000.00	
Taxes bought by town . . . . .	38,853.25	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds . . . . .	22,876.61	
Refund and Payment from Yield Tax		
Escrow Fund . . . . .	<u>5,315.13</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses . . . . .		287,044.99

# PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Taxes paid to County . . . . .	146,384.00	
Payments to School Districts		
(1983 Tax \$332,115)		
(1984 Tax \$300,000) . . . . .	<u>632,115.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Governmental		
Divisions . . . . .		778,499.00
Total Payments for all Purposes . . . . .		1,402,871.56

Cash on hand December 31, 1983 . . . . .	<u>179,666.12</u>	
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GRAND TOTAL		\$1,582,537.68
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# TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Thomas L. Davis . . . . .	\$ 1,400.00
James O. Wilder . . . . .	1,200.00
Albert W. Leighton . . . . .	1,200.00
Marjorie Stiles . . . . .	2,000.00
Phyllis Lynbourn . . . . .	233.32
Bertha Huckins . . . . .	1,166.68
Billye Waldron . . . . .	958.30
Stephen Seeman . . . . .	100.00
Sheldon Gottlieb . . . . .	100.00
Neil Mooers . . . . .	<u>186.75</u>
	\$ 8,545.05

## TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Brown & Saltmarsh . . . . .	\$ 627.30
Pitney Bowes . . . . .	784.50
Laura D. Carey . . . . .	271.64
Meaders . . . . .	136.46
Bank East . . . . .	5.00
Ridings Press . . . . .	1,033.50
Village Press . . . . .	232.80
Homestead Press . . . . .	15.70
Equity Publishing . . . . .	210.70
Gloria Creamer . . . . .	4,024.04
Billye Waldron . . . . .	237.22
Neil Mooers . . . . .	26.80
Postage . . . . .	1,100.00
Postal Service . . . . .	5.00
Marjorie Stiles . . . . .	112.65
Real Data . . . . .	24.00
Copy Rite . . . . .	29.90
Susan Barnes . . . . .	47.25
Ellen White . . . . .	24.75
Tom Davis . . . . .	<u>334.75</u>
	\$ 9,283.96

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY As of December 31, 1983

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings . . . . .	\$ 51,000.00
Furniture and Equipment . . . . .	3,500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings . . . . .	35,200.00
Furniture and Equipment . . . . .	3,500.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings . . . . .	11,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings . . . . .	67,500.00
Equipment . . . . .	53,500.00
Highway Department, equipment . . . . .	500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds . . . . .	7,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings, Equipment . . . . .	788,000.00
Recycling Center - Land & equipment . . . . .	24,000.00
Conservation Land . . . . .	<u>129,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,174,400.00

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

## For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1983

### RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1983	\$ 76,198.72	
Receipts 1983	<u>1,506,338.96</u>	
		\$1,582,537.68

### EXPENDITURES

Expenditures, 1983	\$1,402,871.56	
Balance Checking acct. Dec. 31, 1983	177,985.60	
Balance Savings Acct. #97781		
(Revenue Sharing)	<u>1,680.52</u>	
		\$1,582,537.68

### BankEast

Bank Book No. 97781	
(Revenue Sharing)	
Balance, January 1, 1983	\$ 215.74
Deposited, 1983	1,369.00
Interest 1983	<u>95.78</u>
Balance in Savings Account	1,680.52
Deposited in Checking Account for	
(Revenue Sharing)	<u>4,141.00</u>
Total (Revenue Sharing)	\$ 5,821.52

Bertha Huckins  
Town Treasurer

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For the fiscal year ending December 31, 1983**

**RECEIPTS:**

1983 Motor Vehicle Permits	
2,130 permits issued . . . . .	\$69,002.00
1983 Dog Licenses	
250 Licenses issued . . . . .	1,131.25
1983 Marriage Licenses	
18 Licenses issued . . . . .	234.00
1983 Filing Fees . . . . .	7.00
1983 Returned Check Fees . . . . .	25.00
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	\$70,399.25

**REMITTANCE TO TOWN TREASURER:**

2130 Motor Vehicle Permits . . . . .	\$69,002.00
250 Dog Licenses . . . . .	1,131.25
18 Marriage Licenses . . . . .	234.00
7 Filing Fees . . . . .	7.00
5 Returned Check Fees . . . . .	25.00
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	\$70,399.25

Billye M. Waldron  
Town Clerk

## TOWN MEETING — MARCH 08, 1983

At the legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in said State, the following action was taken on the Warrant on Tuesday, March 08, 1983.

The meeting, held at the Strafford Elementary School in Strafford was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Moderator Russell Shillaber. The Polls were declared open for voting on Article 1 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., with all other articles to be taken up at 8:00 P.M. of the same day.

1. The following officers were declared elected:

Registered voters . . . . .	980
Votes cast . . . . .	379
Selectman, 3 years . . . . . Albert Leighton . . . . .	325
Treasurer, 3 years . . . . . Bertha Huckins . . . . .	326
Tax Collector, 3 years . . . . . Marjorie Stiles . . . . .	366
Town Clerk, 3 years . . . . . Billye Waldron . . . . .	332
Library Trustee, 3 years . . . . . Anne Tabor . . . . .	326
Trustees of Funds, 3 years . . . . . Justine Leighton . . . . .	19
Auditor, 2 years . . . . . Stephen Seeman . . . . .	336
Road Agent, 1 year . . . . . Radford Messenger . . . . .	295

The Moderator declared all articles to be properly before the meeting and seconded, except where otherwise specifically proceeded.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the year and make appropriations for the same. Motion by Albert Leighton to move the vote on this article to the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded and the vote on the motion was in the affirmative.

3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State Local Assistance Act of 1972 for the use as set offs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in the amounts indicated herein or take any other action thereon:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ambulance	\$2,000
Fire Department	1,200
Library	1,000
Police Department	2,000
Recreation Commission	300
Rural Health	1,000



No discussion on motion, vote in Affirmative.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 to convert a portion of the Bow Lake Firehouse into Town Office Space and make the present Town Office available to the Strafford School District for school use. After lengthy discussion a motion was made and seconded to terminate discussion. The vote on the motion to terminate was a two thirds vote in the affirmative. Vote 155 For, 91 Against.

At this point, the Moderator announced that since he had received two five signature petitions respectfully requesting secret ballot votes on both Articles 4 and 16, the meeting would move to Article 16 at this time for debate so that both votes might be cast at once to save time.

16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$64,843 to purchase and equip a 1983 FMC Roughneck Pumper consisting of a 750 G.P.M. pump and a 1000 gallon tank. Lengthy discussion, question moved by two thirds vote. Negative vote. 160 against, 80 for.

5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$12,000 for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department. (\$2,000 from Revenue Sharing) No discussion. Vote in affirmative.

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,541 as the Town's share of the cost of providing ambulance service by the Center Barnstead Fire Department. (\$2,000 from Revenue Sharing) Vote in affirmative.

7. To see if the Town will accept Town Road Aid and appropriate \$1,000.58 to which the State of New Hampshire will contribute \$6,670.55. Vote in affirmative.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$125,000 for Highways and Bridges. Vote in Affirmative.

9. To see if the Town will approve and appropriate money for a change in the Town Clerk's salary from \$750 to \$1,000 per year. Vote in affirmative.

10. To see if the Town will vote to pay \$4.50 per hourly labor. Vote in affirmative.

11. To see if the Town will vote to increase the pay for the Assistant to the Selectmen from \$5.30 to \$5.75 per hour. Vote in the affirmative.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000 for maintenance and supplies for the Rescue Vehicle. Vote in Affirmative.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000 for training purposes for the members of Smert. Vote in the Affirmative.

14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the following equipment for the Fire Department:

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| 1. 1000 ft. of forestry hose - 1 1/4"  | \$1,000 |
| 2. High band portable radio/truck unit | \$1,000 |
| 3. 5 full sets of turnout gear         | \$1,500 |

Vote in the affirmative.

15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,105 to operate and maintain the Fire Department (\$1,200 from Revenue Sharing). Vote in affirmative.

16. Refer to Article 4.

17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$6,500 for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Library (\$1,000 from Revenue Sharing). Vote in affirmative.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,000 for Public Welfare. Vote in affirmative.

19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200 for the observance of Memorial Day. Vote in the affirmative.

20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200 as a donation to the Bow Lake Community Club to help defray the cost of the Fourth of July fireworks display. Vote in the affirmative.

21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the support of the Recreation Commission (\$300 from Revenue Sharing). Motion by John Penny to amend article to read: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$3,600 for the support of the Recreation Commission (\$300 from Revenue Sharing). Vote on motion to amend in affirmative. Vote on motion as amended in affirmative.

22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,577 for the support of the Rural District Health Council (\$1,000 from Revenue Sharing). Vote in affirmative.

23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000 to operate and maintain the Town's solid waste disposal center. Lengthy discussion. Motion by Don Black to move the question. Vote on motion in affirmative by 2/3 majority. Vote on article as read in affirmative.

24. To see if the Town will exempt the Crown Point Grange Hall and the Bow Lake Grange Hall (Now the property of the Bow Lake Community Club) from the list of taxable property. Both are non-profit organizations. (By Petition) Vote in affirmative.

25. To see if the Town will vote to go on record in support of immediate action by the Federal Government to control and reduce acid rain which is harmful to the environment and economy of Strafford and to the health and welfare of the people of Strafford. (By petition) These actions shall include:

1. Reduce by at least half the major causes of acid rain, sulfur dioxide emissions by the year 1990.

2. Conclude negotiations and adopt a treaty with the government of Canada, that will commit both nations to the same goal. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the N. H. Congressional Delegation and to the President of the United States.

Vote on this motion in the affirmative.

26. To see if the Town will vote to accept Parshley Lane as a Town Road. Parshley Lane meets all specifications for sub-division roads. (by petition) After lengthy discussion, motion was made and seconded to move question. Vote on motion to move the question in affirmative by 2/3 vote. Vote on article as read was in negative.

27. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public road the following: Barberry Lane, in Whig Hill Estates, approximately 1100' in length. This road was built to town standards and completed in 1980 in gravel. Town to accept pending tar surface during summer of 1983. Beaver Brook Drive, in Whig Hill Estates, approximately 900' in length. This road built to town standards and completed in 1980 in gravel. Town to accept pending tar surface during summer of 1983. Ledgewood Drive, in Whig Hill Estates, approximately 600' in length. This road was built to town standards and completed in 1980 in gravel. Town to accept pending tar surface during summer of 1983.

After lengthy discussion, motion to move the question was made and seconded. Vote on motion in affirmative by 2/3 vote. Vote on article as read in negative.

28. To see if the Town will vote to accept as public roads the following in Little Valley Acres sub-division:

River Road from the Leighton's Corner Road westerly to its junction with Stacy Road, including the Cul-de-sac, being a total of 2,800 feet. These roads have been constructed according to town specifications and have a bituminous surface.

After lengthy discussion, motion made and seconded to move the question. Vote on motion to move in negative. Discussion resumed. Vote on Article by show of hands in affirmative 113, in negative 51.

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for the Seacoast Task Force on Family Violence, a private non-profit organization, which operates a Safe Place, a shelter for battered women and their children, which provides shelter and supportive services to residents of the Town of Strafford. (by petition)

The proponent of this Article, Sharon Gottlieb, made a motion to withdraw the article. Vote on motion to withdraw in affirmative.

30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend money from the State, Federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the year in accordance with procedures set forth in RSA 31:95b. Vote in the affirmative.

31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize prepayment of resident

taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayments as provided by RSA 80:1a. Vote in affirmative.

32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey property or tax liens acquired by the Town by tax collector's deed, by public auction, or advertised sealed bid or in such other manner as determined by the Selectmen or as justice may require. Vote in affirmative.

33. To see if the Town will grant a 2% discount on taxes paid within ten days of the mailing of the tax bill. Vote in affirmative.

34. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Vote in affirmative.

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. Albert Leighton made the motion that \$56,250.00 be raised to defray town charges and make appropriations of the same. There was no discussion and the vote was in the affirmative.

35. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Raymond Richardson made the following resolution and asked that it be put to a vote. The Moderator asked for a vote from all who in spirit approve. The vote was affirmative.

Be it known that we, the Taxpayers of the Town of Strafford, N. H. assembled on this 8th day of March, 1983, do petition the 1983 Legislature to respectfully consider the abolition of all Real Estate taxes for the elderly during the last years of life's span and exempting only the very wealthy. We submit this not on the basis of compassion, but on the basis of deservedness. We believe that there should be a time in life when every taxpayer, who over the years has provided community support so willingly and faithfully, has earned a reprieve from Real Estate Taxes.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

R. B. Richardson

Province Road

Strafford, NH 03884

Albert Leighton asked that a vote of thanks be given Phyllis Lynbourg for her many years of service to the Town as Town Clerk and Treasurer. A standing ovation was given, and a suggestion was made that the next year's Town Report be dedicated to her, for her many years of service to the Town. Don Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded, and the vote was in the affirmative.

A True Record Attest:

Billye M. Waldron

Town Clerk

Town of Strafford

# SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

## LEVY OF 1982

- DR. -

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1983:

Property Taxes .....	\$153,096.67	
Resident Taxes .....	2,060.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	0	
Land Use Change Taxes .....	0	
Yield Taxes .....	0	\$155,156.67

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes .....	50.88	
Resident Taxes .....	320.00	370.88

Overpayments:

Property Taxes .....	13.56	13.56
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Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes .....	6,032.21	6,032.21
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Costs Collected .....	739.80	739.80
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes ...	136.00	136.00
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TOTAL DEBITS .....		\$162,449.12
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- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal Year  
ended December 31, 1983

Property Taxes .....	105,693.42	
Resident Taxes .....	1,370.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	0	
Yield Taxes .....	0	
Taxes sold to Town .....	36,163.89	
Land Use Change Taxes .....	0	
Interest collected during year .....	6,032.21	
Penalties on Resident Taxes .....	136.00	
Costs collected .....	739.80	\$150,135.32

Abatements made during year:

Property Taxes .....	11,181.37	
Resident Taxes .....	960.00	12,141.37

Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year:

(As per Collector's list)

Property Taxes .....	122.43	
Resident Taxes .....	50.00	172.43
TOTAL CREDITS .....		\$162,449.12



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

## LEVY OF 1983

- DR. -

### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes .....	\$903,775.00	
Resident Taxes .....	11,530.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	0	
Land Use Change Taxes .....	3,395.00	
Yield Taxes .....	<u>13,982.75</u>	\$932,682.75

### Added Taxes:

Property Taxes .....	3,018.07	
Resident Taxes .....	<u>1,430.00</u>	4,448.07

### Overpayments:

Property Taxes .....	600.85	600.85
Costs collected on Property taxes .....	5.00	5.00

### Interest collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes: .....	198.48	198.48
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes ...	49.00	49.00

TOTAL DEBITS ..... \$937,984.15

- CR. -

### Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes .....	\$759,583.12	
Resident Taxes .....	11,410.00	
Yield Taxes .....	12,644.12	
Land Use Change Taxes .....	3,395.00	
Interest Collected during year .....	198.48	
Penalties on Resident Taxes .....	<u>49.00</u>	\$787,279.72

Discounts Allowed ..... 11,899.05

Costs collected ..... 5.00

### Abatements made during year

Property Taxes .....	4,307.86	
Resident Taxes .....	390.00	
Yield Taxes .....	<u>119.00</u>	4,816.86

### Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year:

(As per Collector's list)

Property Taxes .....	131,603.89	
Resident Taxes .....	1,160.00	
Yield Taxes .....	<u>1,219.63</u>	133,983.52

TOTAL CREDITS ..... \$937,984.15

# SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

## LEVIES PRIOR TO 1982

- DR. -

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes .....	\$ 198.92	
Resident Taxes .....	20.00	
Yield Taxes .....	<u>4,054.50</u>	\$4,273.42

Interest collected on delinquent property taxes .....	145.86
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Penalties collected on resident taxes .....	<u>1.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS .....	\$4,420.28
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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal  
Year:

Property Taxes .....	\$ 198.92	
Resident Taxes .....	10.00	
Yield Taxes .....	13.20	
Interest collected during year .....	145.86	
Penalties on Resident Taxes .....	1.00	\$ 368.98

Abatements made during year:

Property Taxes .....	.00	
Resident Taxes .....	10.00	
Yield Taxes .....	<u>3,982.01</u>	3,992.01

Uncollected Taxes - end of Fiscal Year:

Yield Taxes .....	<u>59.29</u>
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TOTAL CREDITS .....	\$4,420.28
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# SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

## Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1983

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Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Balance of Unredeemed				
Taxes-				
January 1, 1983 . . . .	.....	\$28,481.61	\$20,661.77	0
Taxes sold to Town				
During Current Fiscal				
Year . . . . .	38,853.25	0	0	0
Interest collected after sale	326.02	1,110.50	6,739.38	0
Redemption Costs . . . . .	<u>197.50</u>	<u>148.10</u>	<u>195.20</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL DEBITS . . . . .	\$39,376.77	\$29,740.21	\$27,596.35	

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Year				
Redemptions . . . . .	\$11,263.97	\$ 8,063.44	\$20,469.97	0
Interest & Costs After				
sale . . . . .	523.52	1,258.60	6,934.58	
Abatements During Year .	141.51	0	191.80	
Deeded to Town During				
Year . . . . .	0	0	0	
Unredeemed Taxes - End				
of Fiscal Year . . . . .	27,447.77	20,418.17	0	
Unremitted Cash . . . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS . .	\$39,376.77	\$29,740.21	27,596.35	

## STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission reviewed a number of dredge and fill permits. There has been correspondence with the State Wetlands Board concerning some applications.

\* Rae Berry attended Conservation Camp this summer. Rae was jointly sponsored by the Conservation Commission and the Women's Club.

Corey Colwell of Strafford was the summer forestry intern. He carried



out numerous improvements on the Storer Tract under the supervision of Neil Mooers. His improvements included construction of a new gate, rehabilitation of the roadside spring, clearing trails and working on the scenic vistas, and yarding cordwood. Thank you Corey for a job well done.

John Bozak's Forestry Class from the Thompson School of Applied Science constructed two new waterbars on Parker Mountain.

Approximately eight cords of wood cut on town land was distributed to the elderly.

Thanks to Coe Brown's FFA group the various conservation properties have new signs. They also installed the wood duck boxes.

The members of the Commission enjoyed a Forestry Walk at the Urban Forest Center in Portsmouth during Forest Conservation week in May. We also hiked from Route 126 across the ridges to Bow Lake where iced tea and fresh fruit awaited us at the Evans' house.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Brown, Chairman  
Gail Barry  
John Bozak  
J.B. Cullen  
Neil Mooers  
Robert Evans  
Marion Conroy

## LIBRARY REPORT

### Library Hours - Hill Library

#### WINTER

Nov. 1 - May 1

Tues. 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sat. 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

#### SUMMER

Tues. 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thurs. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sat. 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Also open for elementary classes on Fri.

(Subject to change)

Telephone 664-2800

Books owned by the library January 1, 1983 .....	7,354
Books purchased in 1983 .....	269
Books donated (hardcover 65, paperback 218) .....	283
Memorial books donated (Strafford Women's Club 1, Gabriella Reed 1) .....	2

Gift books (new) . . . . .	7
Books lost or discarded . . . . .	145
Books owned December 31, 1983 . . . . .	7,770
Magazine gift subscriptions (Reader's Digest DAR Magazine, National Geographic, Wee Wisdom) . . . . .	4
Magazine Subscriptions Purchased (Consumer Reports, Seventeen, Bon Appetit, Better Homes and Gardens, Your Big Back Yard, Rick Ranger, Cobblestone, Stone Soup) . . . . .	8
Used Magazines donated . . . . .	137
Includes Antique Digest	
Books Circulated . . . . .	8,548
Adult Fiction 3,051 -- Adult Nonfiction 867 -- Children 4,630	
Books Circulated by elementary grades included in above . . . . .	2,197
Magazines Circulated . . . . .	414
Puzzles circulated . . . . .	5
Games circulated . . . . .	1
Paper circulated . . . . .	3
Filmstrips owned . . . . .	13
Filmstrips, slides and tapes circulated . . . . .	38
Cassettes owned . . . . .	35
Cassettes circulated . . . . .	59

#### BOOK FINES

On hand January 1, 1983 . . . . .	\$ 29.89
Received in fines . . . . .	170.75
Books sold . . . . .	<u>12.35</u>
	\$212.99
Books purchased . . . . .	<u>\$196.19</u>
On hand December 31, 1983 . . . . .	\$ 16.80

During the year the adult book circulation has increased but the children's and youth book circulation has gone down. This has mainly been the result of the elementary school classes not coming to the library as often this fall. With a change of time from Friday afternoon to Thursday morning it is hoped the school will find it more convenient.

Your Librarian took her seventh Public Library Techniques course this fall, "The Library as an Information Center". As a result she has started to develop the reference collection with the hope it will serve the needs of the community.

The State Library Van no longer brings books from the State Library. That service ceased last summer when the State closed its district office and

storage facility in Loudon and all the books were given to the libraries throughout the state. We were allowed to keep all those in our possession at the time.

Non fiction books can still be requested from the State Library. There is still inter library loan.

RALI, Rochester Area Libraries, makes for very good relations between the libraries in the area and has been a big help to us all. Besides the cooperative book ordering program we have other services. Book binding at a reduced rate was offered so we had the rest of our town reports bound. Iva Stiles paid for having this done. We now have every year since 1882.

RALI purchases new films and cassettes each year and they are available for our use. Along with these media materials we have added to our own collection and their circulation is increasing. RALI will be meeting at the Hill Library in June.

Tim Brown has continued work on the historical albums. They are available in the library for viewing, a very popular item in fact.

Our volunteers this winter have been Harriet Lundberg, Marjorie Stiles, Marilyn Lynch, Katherine Steward and Virginia Gustafson with Jeanne Groth and Phyllis Blodgett as substitutes. Wendy Dahlgren has been the school volunteer. Thursday nights last summer our volunteers were Anne Tabory, Bernice Omand, Katrina Rhodes and Phyllis Blodgett. Without these dedicated people we would not be able to be open as long. Phyllis Blodgett has done a great job mending many books.

Our many patrons and Friends have been very generous giving us books, magazines and other materials.

It has been a good year with many new people using our services. We hope many more of you will come in, get acquainted and see what we have to offer.

Ellen E. Stiles, Librarian

**STRAFFORD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT 1983**

Strafford Library Assoc. Savings Account	
Balance January 1, 1983 . . . . .	\$ 169.52
Interest . . . . .	16.05
Trans. from Lena Leighton Fund . . . . .	61.64
Trans. from Jane Huckins Fund . . . . .	52.54
Receipts . . . . .	146.60

Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 39.00
Transfer to Historical Assoc. . . . .	<u>125.00</u>
Balance January 1, 1984. . . . .	\$282.35
Strafford Library Assoc. Checking Account	
Balance January 1, 1983. . . . .	\$ 21.03
Receipts . . . . .	2.00
Transfer from savings. . . . .	29.00
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>33.61</u>
Balance January 1, 1984. . . . .	\$ 18.42
Jane Huckins Memorial Fund	
Savings Account	
Balance Jan. 1, 1983 . . . . .	\$ 51.31
Receipts . . . . .	1.00
Interest . . . . .	<u>.23</u>
Trans. to SLA account . . . . .	52.54
Balance January 1, 1984 . . . . .	-----
Jane Huckins Memorial Fund	
Checking Account	
Balance Jan. 1, 1983 . . . . .	\$ 7.25
Trans. from CD Int. . . . .	100.00
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>100.00</u>
Balance January 1, 1984. . . . .	\$ 7.25
Lena Leighton Memorial Fund	
Savings Acct.	
Balance January 1, 1983. . . . .	\$ 61.36
Interest . . . . .	.28
Transfer to SLA acct. . . . .	<u>61.64</u>
Balance January 1, 1984 . . . . .	-----
Strafford Library Assoc. Permanent Fund	
Balance Jan. 1, 1983 . . . . .	\$354.90
Donations . . . . .	185.00
Interest . . . . .	11.93
Disbursements Insurance . . . . .	<u>296.20</u>
Balance January 1, 1984. . . . .	\$255.63

# Jane Huckins Memorial Fund Certificate

Balance January 1, 1983 .....	\$2,585.93
Interest .....	204.20
Withdrawal to Checking .....	<u>100.00</u>
Balance January 1, 1984 .....	\$2,690.13

## LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 1983

Balance January 1, 1983 .....	\$	3.83
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### Receipts:

Warren Dow Foss Fund .....	367.44
Appropriation .....	3,865.00
Other .....	<u>84.10</u>
	\$4,320.37

### Expenses:

Books/Periodicals .....	\$1,864.35
Telephone .....	224.91
Public Servicew .....	927.36
Custodian .....	360.00
Insurance .....	112.80
Media .....	268.94
Supplies .....	126.26
Program .....	160.00
Miscellaneous .....	<u>275.75</u>
	\$4,320.37

Balance December 31, 1983 .....	\$	0.00
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### Librarian's Salary:

Appropriated .....	\$2,652.00
Spent .....	<u>2,782.00</u>

Katrina V. Rhodes,  
Treasurer

## Detailed Reports on File in Selectmen's Office

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

**\*\*Includes Interest on Checking Account**

## POLICE REPORT

The Police Department received 1,643 calls through the dispatch center. Of this 533 complaints of different types were recorded.

Burglary . . . . .	8
Drowning . . . . .	1
Theft . . . . .	13
Vandalism . . . . .	2
Missing Person . . . . .	2
Willful Trespass . . . . .	1
Criminal Trespass . . . . .	3
Assault . . . . .	1
Accident . . . . .	24
DWI . . . . .	3
Prowlers . . . . .	5
Messages Delivered . . . . .	7
Miscellaneous . . . . .	463
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	533

The department also did finger printing for the Hand an Hand School, we did 55 children.

Carl S. Brown  
Chief of Police

## STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 1983

Medical . . . . .	38
Grass/Woods . . . . .	4
Chimney . . . . .	10
Auto . . . . .	7
Structure . . . . .	2
Furnace . . . . .	1
Dump . . . . .	5
Investigations . . . . .	4
False . . . . .	2
Mutual Aid . . . . .	10
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**CALLS:**

Bow Lake .....	46
Crown Point .....	11
Center .....	16
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The Strafford Fire Department had a busy year. With the past summer being so dry we were very fortunate that we did not have any serious fires. Our number of calls neared that of last year.

The Department has lost some valuable members this past year due to relocation and job changes. The members and I thank those people for all their time, hard work, and dedication.

Even though we have lost these people we have not declined in membership. Some of those who have now joined the Department have come to us with experience from other fire departments.

During the past year some of the Fire Dept. equipment has undergone major repairs. The truck at Bow Lake has received a new motor. Both the Crown Point and Center trucks have had major brake work done and are still in need of work.

Once again this year the Fire Department Rescue Squad, and Fire Aux. will be putting on a beef stew supper. With your support this will be another successful event.

I would like to thank those of you in Strafford who have given us your support this year. Thank you.

**REMEMBER, SMOKE DETECTORS DO SAVE LIVES.**

David C. Fistere, Chief

**REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN  
AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

Once again, our cooperative town and state forest fire prevention and control program leads the nation in least acres burned per forest fire. Less than one-half acre per fire statewide average.

At the town level, your Forest Fire Warden is responsible for the prevention and control of all grass and woods fires when the ground is not snow covered.

Forest fire prevention is achieved at the town level by issuing a written permit for every fire that is to be kindled on the ground out of doors when the ground is not covered with snow. Each person wishing to have an outside fire must obtain this written permit from the town Fire Warden before



kindling the fire. Any person who does not obtain a fire permit, when one is required, is violating our forest fire permit law and is subject to a court appearance and could be fined up to \$1,000 and receive a jail sentence of up to one year.

No fire permit will be issued between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. unless it is raining. The reason for this is twofold: the fire danger increases steadily between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., then subsides to a safe level between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This happens because the sun dries out the fine fuels that are easily ignited and dries the air which permits rapid fire spread. Also during this part of the day fire fighters are not readily available in most communities so an escaped fire could burn longer and cause greater damage before being suppressed.

Your cooperation in burning only when conditions are safe is greatly appreciated.

As Smokey says, "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!"

#### 1983 STATISTICS

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CITY/TOWN</u>
No. of Fires	779	120	3
No. of Acres	348	31.25	.75

Glenn D. Pierce  
Forest Fire Warden

### 1983 ANNUAL REPORT RECREATION COMMISSION

Fine warm summer weather prevailed throughout the eleven week season maintaining continuously high attendance. The usual cold winds and rain of August was absent. Weekday attendance averaged 86 and weekends 133. The highest count of 400 plus occurred on July 4th, the day of the races.

Mary Jane Kelley of Barrington returned as lifeguard for the second season. William Tothill, a U.N.H. student from Barnstead was the instructor. There were 73 registrants for the swim lessons which produced \$639 in income. 54 participants received Red Cross participants.

The Commission thanks Rich & Kerry Omand of Strafford Machine Corp. for constructing and donating the new lifeguard chair; and Dave Whitcher for donating the concrete installation.

The Selectmen appointed Rich Omand to replace Bob Omand on the Commission.

Harmony Anderson, Secretary  
John Penney, President  
Denise Thorne  
Ronald Hernon  
Richard Omand

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During the year 1983 I answered 52 dog complaints and transported 14 dogs and 8 cats to the Dover Animal Shelter.

Six restraining orders were issued and I investigated three reports of dog bites.

Three dogs were disposed of that were killed by automobiles.

I traveled a total of 864 miles during the year 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Crosby

MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESCUE TEAM  
ANNUAL REPORT 1983

This is the first year that we have issued an annual report. We felt that we should keep the residents of Strafford informed of our status and changes on a year to year basis. Since our conception in April of 1981 we have experienced increases each year in the amount of calls that we have responded to. For the year of 1983 we had a total of 56 calls, with a breakdown as follows:

Medical Emergencies .....	34
Auto Accidents .....	8
Fire Standbys .....	11
Mutual Aid .....	<u>3</u>
TOTAL.....	56

There were a few changes during 1983. We achieved a goal of becoming a team with 100% of our membership being trained at a minimum level of basic Emergency Medical Technician, (EMT). Also 80% of our membership has advanced to the level of EMT-1. We hope to be able to maintain this level of proficiency.

Due to the vast change in our membership, we moved the rescue vehicle from the Center Strafford Fire Station to the Bow Lake Fire Station. 90% of our members reside in or near the Bow Lake area.

SMERT was also able to take a lease/purchase agreement on twelve portable pocket pagers. There was considerable time, thought and testing done prior to our purchase of these pagers. Due to the fact that these are portable units and they do not have external antennas, we had to change our dispatching services. This was done at no additional cost to the town. It also resulted in the phone number for EMERGENCY AMBULANCE service to change. We are now being dispatched by the Strafford County Dispatch Center in Dover, N. H. The new number for EMERGENCY AMBULANCE service is 742-4968. This is also the same number for the Strafford Police Department. New Telephone stickers are available showing this change. Contact any member of SMERT, Fire, or Police if you are in need of these stickers.

This year we transported a total of twelve patients to area hospitals. Each time that we transported a patient there were exceptional circumstances involved with those particular calls.

We would like to thank the many people, organizations and businesses that have given us donations throughout the past three years. This helped us to add many new pieces of equipment, and by doing so we were able to have the rescue vehicle licensed as an ambulance by the State of New Hampshire.

At present we have only a total of ten members responding to calls. We will have twelve members responding when our two new members complete their EMT course. As you can see, we are still in dire need of more members if we are to continue to progress ahead. If you are interested in joining or if you have any question, please call 664-2668 or contact any member of SMERT.

Donald Davis, Captain

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT — 1983

The Planning Board has held twelve (12) regular monthly meetings to consider applications for subdivision approval. Of the two (2) pending applications already under consideration and the eight (8) new applications received; eight (8) were approved, one (1) was denied and one (1) was still pending as of December 31, 1983. We, also, approved three (3) applications for boundary adjustments and accepted six (6) plans for signing and recording purposes only, which included perimeter surveys and corrected plans.

In addition to the regular monthly meetings, one (1) executive session was held to discuss a pending application and four (4) work sessions were held to prepare and review proposed amendments to the Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances of the Town.

**STRAFFORD  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
REPORTS**

**1983**

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

## SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Christine Bozak ..... Term Expires 1984  
Mr. Earl Kalil, Jr. .... Term Expires 1985  
Mrs. Erma Clark ..... Term Expires 1986

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Barry L. Clough, B.Ed., M.A., M.Ed.

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

Leon R. Worthley, B.A., M.A.  
Bernard R. Davis, B.A., M.A., C.A.G.S.

## TREASURER

Sandra Pierce

## MODERATOR

David Meserve

## CLERK

Christina Brown

## AUDITOR

Bertha Huckins

## SCHOOL CENSUS

Robert Omand

## SCHOOL NURSE

Nancy Reynolds, R.N.

## TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Elementary School in said district on the 6th day of March 1984, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate in addition to the original 1983-84 appropriation a sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be made available to the school district prior to July 1, 1984 in order to meet unanticipated obligations caused by mandated special education tuition expenditures. (Deficit appropriation)

3. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund established by vote of the 1983 Annual School District Meeting in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35 to be used for future capital improvements to the School.

4. To see what sum of money the school district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district.

5. To see if the school district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive and expend, in the name of the district, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State agencies; and/or other sources in accordance with the provisions of RSA 198:20-b.

6. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

7. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March 1984, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:



1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose Auditors, and all other necessary officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 9th day of January 1984

Christine K. Bozak  
Earl L. Kalil, Jr.  
Erma J. Clark  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant--Attest:  
Christine K. Bozak  
Earl L. Kalil, Jr.  
Erma J. Clark  
School Board

## REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

### For the fiscal year July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

General Fund		
Cash on Hand July 1, 1982 .....	\$	42,350.29
Current Appropriation .....	\$532,115.00	
Revenues from State Sources .....	43,128.85	
Revenues from Federal Sources .....	2,000.00	
Received from all Other Sources .....	15,547.61	
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....		<u>\$592,791.46</u>
Total amount available for Fiscal Year		635,141.75
Less School Board orders paid .....		<u>616,089.53</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1983 .....	\$	19,052.22

July 26, 1983 Sandra L. Pierce, District Treasurer

### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983 and find them correct in all respects.

August 24, 1983 Bertha L. Huckins, Cindy L. Cushing-Auditors

# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiscal Year July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

## REVENUE:

### Local Sources:

Current Appropriation .....	\$532,115.00
Earnings on Temporary Deposits .....	3,118.40
Rental Income .....	20.00
School Administrative Unit #44 81-82 surplus ....	742.18
Filing Fees .....	5.00
Strafford Learning Center, prior year reimbursement .....	1,125.00
Foss & Came Insurance Agency, prior year reimbursement .....	819.00
Sale of Furniture .....	60.50
Misc. Income from Local Sources .....	50.00

### State Sources:

Sweepstakes .....	6,148.36
School Building Aid .....	4,520.61
Vocational Transportation .....	20,797.26
Handicapped Aid .....	11,350.13

TOTAL REVENUE .....	\$580,871.44
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### Additions/Deletions:

Refunds of Current Year Expenses .....	1,875.93
Accounts Receivable, July 1, 1982 .....	12,905.35
Refund of Lunch Wages .....	6,800.00
Block Grant Receipts .....	2,000.00
Accounts Receivable, June 30, 1983 .....	-11,661.26
Cash on hand, July 1, 1982 .....	42,350.29

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR 1982-83 .....	\$635,141.75
(agrees with Treasurer's Report)	

Less Gross Expenditures .....	-616,089.53
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CASH ON HAND, June 30, 1983 .....	\$ 19,052.22
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# FUND SURPLUS:

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1983 . . . . .	\$19,052.22	
Accounts Receivable, June 30, 1983:		
Strafford School Lunch Program . . .	3,021.70	
SAU #44, Block Grant Funds . . . . .	1,350.00	
State of New Hampshire . . . . .	<u>11,661.26</u>	
Fund Balance . . . . .		\$35,085.18
Accounts Payable, June 30, 1983 . . . .	\$34,028.49	
Unencumbered Funds, June 30, 1983 .	<u>1,056.69</u>	
Fund Balance . . . . .		\$35,085.15

## STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT DETAILED EXPENDITURES FOR 1982-83

### 1100 REGULAR INSTRUCTION

#### 1102 Teacher's Salaries:

Priscilla Bowlen . . . . .	\$13,334.00	
Frank Finley . . . . .	14,853.00	
Marguerite Finley . . . . .	14,053.00	
Virginia Garlow . . . . .	2,811.00	
Darla Higgins . . . . .	13,703.00	
Susan Kaufman . . . . .	2,303.40	
Nancy Lake . . . . .	14,053.00	
Sally Low . . . . .	14,853.00	
Sharon MacDonald . . . . .	2,294.00	
Elizabeth Mason . . . . .	11,097.00	
Maryellen Plante . . . . .	14,053.00	
Katrina Rhodes . . . . .	13,703.00	
Patricia Sukduang . . . . .	<u>14,053.00</u>	
Total Teachers' Salaries . . .		\$145,163.40

#### 1104 Teacher Aides' Salaries:

Nancy Bickford . . . . .	\$ 5,005.00	
Anne Tabory . . . . .	<u>3,456.00</u>	
Total Teacher Aides' Salaries . . . . .		8,461.00

#### 1202 Substitutes:

Bonnie Inglis . . . . .	\$ 75.00	
Linda Meserve . . . . .	25.00	
Bernice Omand . . . . .	25.00	
Nancy Reynolds . . . . .	75.00	
Carol Savitts . . . . .	837.50	
Jennifer Shone . . . . .	717.50	
Anne Tabor . . . . .	100.00	
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Total Substitutes . . . . .		\$ 1,855.00

2110 Health Insurance . . . . .	3,444.87	
2220 Employee Retirement . . . . .	2,516.35	
2240 Retired Teachers' Retirement . . . . .	830.81	
2300 F.I.C.A. (Social Security) . . . . .	10,467.26	
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Total Regular Instruction Benefits . . . . .		17,259.29

4400 Repairs to Instructional Equipment . . . . .		267.07
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5610 Tuition to Other Public Schools . . . . .	115,835.04	
5630 Tuition to . . . . .	33,787.50	
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Total Regular Tuition . . . . .		149,622.54
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6100 Supplies . . . . .		7,759.97
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6300 Textbooks . . . . .		3,700.49
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7400 Regular Instructional Equipment . . . . .		190.25
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Total Regular Instructional Expenditures . . . . .		\$334,279.01
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## 1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION

1102 Teacher's Salary, Carol McIntyre Peale . . . . .		13,389.00
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2110 Health Insurance . . . . .	600.00	
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2220 Teacher's Retirement . . . . .	242.52	
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2300 F.I.C.A., Social Security . . . . .	897.06	
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Total Special Education Benefits . . . . .		1,739.58
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1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)		
5600 Tuition to Other Schools . .		\$34,168.06
6100 Supplies . . . . .		<u>312.90</u>
Total Special Education		
Expenditures . . . . .		\$49,609.54
1300 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS		
5610 Tuition to Other Public		
Schools . . . . .		62,865.00
1400 OTHER PROGRAMS		
1102 Athletic Salaries:		
Richard Boyle . . . . .	\$	315.00
Frank Finley . . . . .		360.00
Maryellen Plante . . . . .		<u>585.00</u>
Total Athletic Salaries . . .		1,260.00
2300 FICA, Social Security . . . .		84.42
6100 Supplies . . . . .		400.20
8900 Other Expenses . . . . .		<u>15.00</u>
Total Other Programs . . . .		1,759.62
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES		
2100-PUPIL		
2110 Attendance . . . . .		300.00
2120 Testing . . . . .		741.63
2130 Health:		
1103 Nurse's Salary,		
Nancy Reynolds . . . . .	5,735.00	
6100 Supplies . . . . .	<u>76.21</u>	
Total Health Service		5,811.21
2140 Diagnostic Service,		
Strafford Learning		
Center . . . . .		1,026.00
2200 STAFF SERVICE		
2210 Improvement of Staff,		
tuition &		
workshop expense . . . . .		1,797.58
2220 Educational Media:		
3900 Educational		
Television . . . . .	218.00	

2000 SUPPORT SERVICE (continued)		
6300 Library Books . . . .	\$ 1,313.17	
Total Educational Media . . . . .		\$ 1,531.17
2300 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
1101 School Board Salaries:		
Christine Bozak . . . . .	250.00	
Erma Clark . . . . .	250.00	
Earl Kalil . . . . .	250.00	
Total School Board Salaries . . . . .		\$ 750.00
1105 School District Salaries:		
Moderator, David Meserve . . . . .	10.00	
Treasurer, Sandra Pierce . . . . .	500.00	
Auditor, Bertha Huckins . . . . .	30.00	
Auditor, Cindy Cushing . . . . .	30.00	
School District Clerk, Christine Brown . . . . .	15.00	
School Board Secretary, Elizabeth Carlson . . . . .	225.00	
Total School District Salaries . . . . .		810.00
5220 Insurance . . . . .		180.00
8900 Other Expenses . . . . .		442.08
3510 School Administrative Unit #44 . . . . .		22,862.93
2400 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION		
2410 Office of the Principal		
1101 Principal's Salary, Richard Boyle . . . . .		20,400.00
5310 Telephone . . . . .		629.25
5320 Postage . . . . .		97.85
6100 Supply . . . . .		182.95
8100 Professional Dues . . . . .		170.00
8900 Graduation Expense/Other Expenses . . . . .		163.01
2520 BUSINESS		
1104 School District Bookkeeper, Elizabeth Carlson . . . . .		800.00

2520 BUSINESS (continued)

5300	Postage and Telephone .	\$	171.44
6100	Supplies . . . . .		102.01

2540 OPERATION OF PLANT

1109	Custodial Salaries:		
	Custodian,		
	Elliott Stevens . . . . .	\$10,377.00	
	Helper, Scott Hodgdon .	600.09	
	Helper, Steven Kalway .	<u>162.00</u>	
	Total Custodial Salaries		11,139.09
4400	Contracted Services:		
	Raynold Bedard, electrical & lock repairs . . .	382.12	
	Keith Buckovitch, installed door . . . . .	575.00	
	Demers Laboratory, water testing . . . . .	15.00	
	Mark Koyon, plumbing .	195.74	
	Ellis Brothers, plumbing	222.50	
	Honeywell, Inc., heating	391.87	
	Lighting Services, contract and emergency light repairs . . . . .	138.75	
	Harold MacDonald, welding chairs . . . . .	10.00	
	Northern Heating and Plumbing, heating repairs and service . . . .	1,862.85	
	Rte 126 Service Center, repair door and weld chairs . . . . .	65.00	
	Tri-City Glass, replaced door . . . . .	3,807.53	
	V. H. Cogswell, Inc., equipment repair . . . .	<u>60.60</u>	
	Total Contracted Services . . . . .		7,726.96
5210	Insurance . . . . .		2,375.61
5800	Custodial Travel . . . . .		141.84



## 2540 OPERATION OF PLANT (continued)

6100	Cleaning/Maintenance	
	Supplies . . . . .	\$ 3,785.58
6520	Electricity . . . . .	3,664.37
6530	Fuel Oil . . . . .	8,803.27
6560	Propane Gas . . . . .	55.75

## 2550 TRANSPORTATION

5130	Regular Program	
	(Elementary) . . . . .	31,776.20
5130	Special Education	
	Program . . . . .	8,068.64

## 2900 BENEFITS

2110	Health Insurance . . . . .	\$ 1,500.00
2150	Workmen's Compensa-	
	tion Insurance . . . . .	1,525.20
2220	Employee Retirement . .	361.93
2300	FICA (Social Security) . .	<u>3,301.88</u>

Total Benefits . . . . . 6,689.01

## 5000 OTHER OUTLAYS

### 5100 DEBT SERVICE

8300	Principal of Debt . . . . .	17,166.76
8400	Interest on Debt . . . . .	<u>2,039.13</u>

Total Debt Service . . . . . 19,205.89

Total General Fund . . . . . \$610,914.49

Total Block Fund . . . . . 3,350.00

Total Vocational Transportation (reimbursed by the State) . . 20,797.26

Total Transferred to Food Service . . . . . 3,228.54

TOTAL NET EXPENDITURES . . . . . \$638,290.29

Reimbursed Expenditures . . . . . 8,675.93

Accounts Payable, June 30, 1982 . . . . . 3,151.80

Accounts Payable, June 30, 1983 . . . . . -34,028.49

Total Gross Expenditures (Agrees with Treasurer's Report) . \$616,089.53

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS  
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983**

Project Name	1st Addition	2nd Addition	Total
Bonds/Notes Outstanding			
July 1, 1982	\$7,132.52	\$40,800.00	\$47,932.52
Add Bonds/Notes issued			
During Year			-0-
Less Bonds/Notes Retired			
During Year	<u>-3,566.76</u>	<u>-13,600.00</u>	<u>-17,166.76</u>
Bonds/Notes Outstanding			
June 30, 1983	\$3,565.76	\$27,200.00	\$30,765.76

**TREASURER REPORT  
FOR SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM  
Fiscal Year July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1982 .....		\$	60.78
Petty Cash on Hand 7-1-82 .....			25.00
Current Appropriation .....	\$	200.00	
Revenue from State Sources .....		8,405.00	
Received from all Other Sources .....		<u>13,690.96</u>	
Total Receipts .....			<u>\$22,295.96</u>
Total Amount Available for Fiscal			
Year .....			\$22,356.74
Less School Board Orders Paid .....			<u>22,318.62</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1983 .....			38.12
Petty Cash on Hand 7-1-83 .....			25.00

July 26, 1983

Sandra L. Pierce, District Treasurer

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983 and find them correct in all respects.

August 24, 1983

Bertha L. Huckins, Cindy L. Cushing - Auditors

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 1982 . . . . .	\$	85.78
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Receipts:

Lunch Sales - Children . . . . .	\$10,732.04	
Lunch Sales - Adults . . . . .	878.45	
Reimbursement . . . . .	8,405.00	
District Appropriation . . . . .	200.00	
Misc. Cash (i.e. milk receipts) . . . . .	<u>2,080.47</u>	<u>22,295.96</u>
 TOTAL AVAILABLE . . . . .		 \$22,381.74

Expenditures:

Food . . . . .	\$12,842.53	
Labor . . . . .	7,731.60	
All other expenditures . . . . .	<u>1,744.49</u>	
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . . . .		 \$22,318.62
 BALANCE - June 30, 1983 . . . . .		 \$ 63.12

Other Program Resources:

Donations: Food \$3,515 . . . . .	\$	3,515.00
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1983**

Assets:

Petty Cash . . . . .	\$ 25.00	
Cash in Bank . . . . .	38.12	
Reimbursement due Program . . . . .	1,815.00	
Food Inventory-June 30 . . . . .	1,015.00	
Supplies Inventory-June 30 . . . . .	<u>225.00</u>	
 TOTAL ASSETS . . . . .		 \$ 3,118.12
 TOTAL LIABILITIES . . . . .		 \$ 1,206.70

Dorothy L. Smith

## SCHOOL NURSE REPORT STRAFFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1982 - 1983

As the emphasis on "Good Health" continues to expand in our nation, so does our Health Program expand. However, with the time allotted to the School Nurse, it is becoming increasingly difficult to meet the needs of the school.

The yearly vision, hearing, weight, height and scoliosis screening was completed on all students. Pediculosis checks were also performed following summer and Christmas vacations. The Dental Program, formerly sponsored by S.A.Y. was finally discontinued this year due to both the unavailability of willing hygienists and the low number of expected participants.

We expanded our Health Education in several ways. The 6th grade, in conjunction with Mrs. Sukduang's science class, held a Health Fair which was very successful. Many of the students had excellent projects. The 6th graders also started a semester-long unit on "The Family" which was informative and gave way to interesting discussions.

The 7th grade spent first semester watching and discussing a 15 minute T.V. program dealing with normal problems of early and preteen years. The second semester emphasis was on physical fitness.

I attended a special two-day workshop sponsored by the N. H. Heart Association instructing us in how to teach an education program entitled "Have a Healthy Heart". We applied for a grant from the N.H.H.A. which would allow us to teach the program to grades 5 - 8. We did receive enough grant money for materials. As a result, we will try to incorporate parts of the program into our health curriculum.

At the close of another gratifying year, I would like to thank the ever-supportive staff here at school, the community, and S.A.Y. for their contribution of Current Health Magazine and films for the Pediculosis program.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Reynolds, R. N.  
School Nurse

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of the Strafford School District:

When the 1983-84 school year opened last September, the Strafford Elementary School was organized as indicated in the chart below:

EMPLOYEE	ASSIGNMENT
Richard Boyle . . . . .	Principal
Priscilla Bowlen . . . . .	Grade 1
Marguerite Finley . . . . .	Grade 2
Elizabeth Mason . . . . .	Grade 3
Nancy Lake . . . . .	Grade 4
Maryellen Plante . . . . .	Grade 4
Katrina Rhodes . . . . .	Grade 5
Sally Low . . . . .	6-8 Language Arts
Frank Finley . . . . .	6-8 Math / Literature
Darla Higgins . . . . .	6-8 Social Studies
Patricia Sukduang . . . . .	6-8 Science
Carol McIntyre-Peale . . . . .	Special Education
Virginia Garlow . . . . .	Music
Pamela Vallee . . . . .	Physical Education
John Ouellette . . . . .	Art
Nancy Reynolds . . . . .	Nurse
Nancy Bickford . . . . .	Teacher Aide
Anne Tabory . . . . .	Chapter I Aide
Elliott Stevens . . . . .	Custodian
Dorothy Smith . . . . .	Lunch Manager
Ima Messenger, Helen St. Clair . . . . .	Lunch workers
Karen Schuster . . . . .	Chapter I*

\*Funded by the Chapter I ESEA as part of Joint Project with Barrington, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford.

The enrollment by grade as reported as of October 3, 1983 was as follows:

GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Pupil	23	21	21	32	27	27	42	19	212

Strafford School District residents attending other schools at the District's expense is reported as indicated on the chart below:

SCHOOL	09	10	11	12	Total
Spaulding High School	11	20	18	13	62
Dover Vocational School	8	7	8	7	30
Coe-Brown Academy	12	9	2	5	28
TOTALS	31	36	28	25	120

In addition the following numbers of students are receiving Special Education services at the District's expense: 2-Spaulding High; 1-Spaulding Jr. High; 2-Coe-Brown; 1-Portsmouth ABLE; and Strafford Learning Center programs: 2-TIP; 1-TAC; 2-PEPSO: 1-PEPEXtn.

I believe the year 1983 will be remembered as a significant one for the American public school system. As in the case with many social forces, public dialogue concerning education moves in cycles with the importance and performance of our schools receiving varying degrees of emphasis and visibility. As a result of the numerous national reports concerning the state of education in our Nation, we are exposed to a trend in the media focusing on deficiencies in education. We read of teacher shortages, use of poorly qualified teachers, decreasing achievement test scores, declining pupil interest in math and science and calls for a longer school day and year and merit pay for teachers. It is interesting to note that in 1947, a New York Times article written on the quality of science teaching in the United States stated, "This country can easily lose its leadership in science achievement unless it seeks and trains those who can maintain it." I believe the dilemma facing education in the country is not a new one, but rather composed of challenges similar in scope and focus to previous periods of educational crisis. There is no question in my mind that: a) we are faced with teacher shortages; b) we are forced to employ less than fully qualified teachers in certain critical areas; c) we have experienced a trend of declining interest in science and math among our student population; d) we are underpaying the majority of our teachers who are highly qualified and dedicated; e) we are not placing sufficient importance or value on the role of the principal as an instructional leader; and f) our elected leadership has placed very little importance on education in the last ten years. In order to design a response to the warning signs confronting public education identified by national experts and leaders, we have to understand the forces that have placed us in our present position. Albert Shanker in one of his recent New York Times articles aptly identified at least one of the key forces which has contributed to the present state of education when he quoted Donna Kerr, a noted university expert on teacher education in the United States. She wrote: "A society's political and economic forces determine in what pursuits intellectual virtuosity will be rewarded. Neither with status nor with prestige nor with money do we reward teaching.....there is a disturbing duplicity in a society that itself fails to create the conditions that would foster teaching competence and then complains of incompetent teachers. Our teaching corps can be no more competent than we make it." While I believe that Kerr's evaluation is valid, the present state of affairs in education is not simply the result of society's failure to place importance on improving standards for teacher preparation or maintaining respectable teacher salaries. In



many respects, I believe trends and practices have existed which have made inefficient use of the resources available to our school system. American society must renew its commitment to excellence in all areas of school endeavor; administration, instruction, program development and evaluation, school/community communication and the agendas of our elected leaders.

Within the context of the above comments, I am pleased to report that we have consistently placed priority on instructional excellence and quality in School Administrative Unit #44. During the course of the last eight years our basic instructional program, based on Science Research Association test results, seems to be very strong. We have compared the averages of the past four years versus the previous three years in the areas of math, reading and language arts and find that the School Administrative Unit average at the eighth grade level showed an average gain of 19 percentiles between the two periods of time for the areas of math and reading, which is considered statistically significant. Language art scores at the eighth grade level over the same period of time reflected an increase of 22 percentiles. I believe our emphasis on developing a core curriculum six years ago has played a significant role in the present strength of our basic instructional program.

One of my many objectives for the Unit in past years has been to design and develop programming for the more academically accomplished student. I am pleased to report that our school boards voted to accept the recommendation of this office to establish a Summer Institute program. Our first Institute became a reality this past year. The program involved approximately 66 students and 19 teachers and was designed to give the children exposure to the development of higher level thinking skills. The program seemed to be well received by all involved and has been formally approved by our school boards for the coming summer. I am extremely pleased with the development of this program and the support given it by our school boards.

While there are many aspects of the educational process in Strafford which should make us proud, there are areas of need and as I have stated in previous reports, I believe it is the responsibility of your Superintendent to keep the system's needs in focus for the voters. I believe that we must strengthen the library component of the system and give strong consideration to establishing a public kindergarten. There is considerable research such as the Ypsilanti Perry Preschool Project, the Minnesota Early Learning Design in Minneapolis/St. Paul and other studies which underscore the importance not only to the child, but to the taxpayer and society, of public preschool education. According to the Ypsilanti Perry Project report, for every \$1,000 that was invested in the preschool program, at least \$4,130 has been returned to society in the form of reduced costs for special education, legal processing for delinquent behavior and increased earnings of par-



ticipants. Students who experienced the preschool program subsequently averaged 1.8 years of special education, whereas those that did not have it averaged 3.8 years. For every 100 pupils who had the program 35 dropped out of high school, whereas 55 of every 100 pupils who did not experience the program dropped out. Of those pupils who experienced the program 38 out of every 100 students attended college or took job training courses while of those pupils without the program, only 21 did so. Clearly, the research underscores the importance of making a commitment to public Kindergarten programs.

In summary, we wish to express our appreciation to the members of the school board, the teachers, pupils and citizens for the cooperation exhibited during the past year. We look forward to a long and productive relationship in which our mutual goals will continue to be the best possible education for our young people.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry L. Clough  
Superintendent

# SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

## 1982 - 83

(R.S.A. Chapter 189-45 - New Hampshire Laws)

School District	% Local Share	Superintendent	Assistant Supt.	Assistant Supt.
Barrington	19.36	\$ 6,690.82	\$ 5,572.20	\$ 5,227.20
Farmington	20.73	7,164.28	5,966.51	5,597.10
Middleton	1.97	680.83	567.01	531.90
Milton	10.70	3,697.92	3,079.67	2,889.00
Northwood	11.51	3,977.86	3,312.81	3,107.70
Nottingham	11.10	3,836.16	3,194.80	2,997.00
Strafford	9.50	3,283.20	2,734.29	2,565.00
Wakefield	15.13	5,228.93	4,354.71	4,085.10
TOTAL	100%	\$ 34,560.00	\$ 28,782.00	\$ 27,000.00

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT TENTATIVE CALENDAR 1984 - 1985

August 29	School Begins
September 3	Labor Day
October 8	Columbus Day
* November 12	Veterans' Day
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Recess
December 24-January 1	Christmas Vacation
February 18-22	Winter Vacation
April 22-26	Spring Vacation
* May 30	Memorial Day

\* It should be noted that these two holidays are required to be days out of school by statute (RSA 228:4).

If school is not in session on a scheduled day because of weather conditions, etc., it will be made up on the following Saturday.

August through January	100 days
February through June	<u>80 days</u>
Required for instructional purposes	180 days

## STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES AND CREDITS

	Approved Budget 1983-84	Proposed Budget 1984-85
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 906.00	\$ -0-
Sweepstakes	6,247.00	6,200.00
School Building Aid	4,606.00	4,606.00
School Building Aid, Special	369.00	-0-
Handicapped Aid	12,162.00	12,162.00
Child Nutrition	10,000.00	10,100.00
Catastrophic Aid	151.00	2,614.00
Block Grant	2,100.00	2,600.00
Food Service Sales	8,300.00	8,200.00
Earnings on Investment	-0-	3,000.00
Total School Revenues and Credits	\$ 44,841.00	\$ 49,482.00
District Assessment to be Raised by		
Property Taxes	636,632.00	660,114.00
Total Appropriation	\$681,473.00	\$709,596.00

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET 1984-1985

	<u>Expended 82-83</u>	<u>Current 83-84 Total</u>	<u>Proposed 84-85 Total</u>
<b>1100 REGULAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM</b>			
1102-Teachers Salaries	\$145,163.40	\$156,785.	\$175,922.
1104-Aides Salaries	8,461.00	8,885.	11,495.
1202-Substitutes	1,855.00	1,500.	1,500.
2210-Insurance (Health)	3,444.87	3,215.	5,184.
2220-Teachers Retirement	2,516.35	2,829.	1,511.
2240-Retired Teachers Retirement	830.81	490.	490.
2300-FICA (Social Security)	10,467.26	11,701.	13,400.
5610-Tuition to Public Schools	115,835.04	134,551.	117,688.
5630-Tuition to Academies	33,787.50	49,602.	47,579.
6100-General Supplies	7,759.97	6,950.	8,250.
6102-Art Supplies			300.
6108-Physical Education Supplies			300.
6112-Music Supplies			300.
6113-Science Supplies (Lab)			50.
6124-Computer Supplies			1,430.
6300-Textbooks	3,700.49	3,450.	3,795.
4400-Repairs to Equipment	267.07	100.	300.
7400-Equipment	190.25	600.	200.
<b>TOTAL REG. EDUC. PROG.</b>	<b>\$334,279.01</b>	<b>\$380,658.</b>	<b>\$389,694.</b>
<b>1200-SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM:</b>			
1102-Teachers Salary	\$13,389.00	\$14,558.	\$16,296.
2110-Insurance (Health)	600.00	600.	720.
2220-Teachers' Retirement	242.52	255.	310.
2300-FICA (Social Security)	897.06	1,019.	1,120.
5600-Tuition to Other Schools	34,168.06	35,496.	55,049.
6100-General Supplies and Testing			
Materials	312.90	200.	400.
6300-Textbooks	-0-	130.	130.
7410-Equipment	-0-	60.	60.
<b>TOTAL SPEC. EDUC. PROG.</b>	<b>\$49,609.54</b>	<b>\$52,318.</b>	<b>\$74,085.</b>

	<u>Expended 82-83</u>	<u>Current 83-84 Total</u>	<u>Proposed 84-85 Total</u>
1300-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM:			
5610-Tuition to Other Schools	\$62,865.00	\$53,439.	\$54,946.
TOTAL VOC. EDUC. PROG.	\$62,865.00	\$53,439.	\$54,946.
1400-OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:			
1102-Athletic Salaries	\$1,260.00	\$1,270.	\$1,497.
1102-Summer School			2,200.
2300-FICA (Social Security)	84.42	90.	100.
3100-Special Events	-0-	-0-	750.
6100-Athletic Supplies	415.20	400.	400.
6100-Summer School Supplies	-0-	-0-	100.
TOTAL OTHER EDUC. PROG.	\$1,759.62	\$1,760.	\$5,047.
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES:			
2110-ATTENDANCE SERVICE:			
3300-Truant Officer/Census Taker	\$300.00	\$300.	\$300.
2120-GUIDANCE SERVICES:			
3200-Achievement Testing/ Readiness Testing Services	\$741.63	\$900.	\$900.
2130-HEALTH SERVICES:			
1103-Nurse Salary	\$5,735.00	\$6,022.	\$7,028.
6100-Health Supplies/Travel	76.21	200.	200.
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$5,811.21	\$6,222.	\$7,228.
2140-PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES:			
3300-Strafford Learning Center Diagnos. Service	\$1,026.00	\$1,026.	\$1,026.
3300-Occupational Therapy		1,000.	100.
3300-Psychological Evaluation Service		500.	500.
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SER.	\$1,026.00	\$2,526.	\$1,626.
2150-SPEECH SERVICES:			
4400-Contracted Teacher Service		\$2,000.	\$2,800.
6100-Speech Supplies and Testing Materials		100.	100.
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICE		\$2,100.	\$2,900.

	Expended 82-83	Current 83-84 Total	Proposed 84-85 Total
2210-IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF:			
3200-Staff Development			
Workshops/tuition	\$1,797.58	\$600.	\$600.
TOTAL IMP. OF INST. STAFF	\$1,797.58	\$600.	\$600.
2220-EDUCATIONAL MEDIA:			
3900-Educational Television	\$218.00	\$250.	\$250.
6300-Library/Reference Books	1,313.17	1,500.	1,500.
7400-Library Equipment	-0-	-0-	1,780.
TOTAL EDUC. MEDIA	\$1,531.17	\$1,750.	\$3,530.
2300 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			
2310 SCHOOL BOARD			
1101-School Board Salaries	\$750.00	\$750.	\$500.
1102-School District Moderator	10.00	10.	10.
1104-School District Treasurer	500.00	500.	500.
1105-School District Auditors	60.00	60.	60.
1105-School District Clerk	15.00	15.	15.
1105-School District Secretary	225.00	225.	225.
5220-Insurance	180.00	100.	100.
8900-Other Expenses	442.08	100.	100.
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD	\$2,182.08	\$1,760.	\$1,510.
2320-SUPERINTENDENT:			
3510-SAU Expenses	\$22,862.93	\$25,423.	\$27,918.
TOTAL SUPERINTENDENT	\$22,862.93	\$25,423.	\$27,918.
2400-SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION			
1101-Principal's Salary	\$20,400.00	\$21,420.	\$22,000.
5310-Telephone	629.26	800.	800.
4400-Repairs to Office Equipment	-0-	150.	150.
5320-Postage	97.85		
6100-Supplies and Forms	182.95	200.	200.
8100-Professional Dues	170.00	225.	325.
8900-Graduation Expenses	163.01	150.	150.
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINS.	\$21,643.06	\$22,945.	\$23,625.

	Expended 82-83	Current 83-84 Total	Proposed 84-85 Total
2500 BUSINESS			
2520-FISCAL			
1104-Bookkeeper Salary	\$800.00	\$840.	\$880.
5320-Postage	171.44	225.	100.
6100-Supplies	102.01	80.	50.
TOTAL FISCAL	\$1,073.45	\$1,145.	\$1,030.
2540-OPERATION OF PLANT:			
1109-Custodial Salaries	\$11,139.09	\$11,395.	\$11,722.
4400-Contracted Services	7,726.96	1,000.	50.
5210-Insurance; Multi-peril	2,375.61	2,216.	2,216.
5800-Custodial Travel	141.84	100.	100.
6100-Cleaning/Maintenance Supplies	3,785.58	3,750.	3,750.
6520-Electricity	3,664.37	4,000.	3,000.
6530-Fuel Oil	8,803.27	12,000.	9,000.
6570-Propane Gas	55.75	100.	100.
7520-Replacement of Furniture	-0-	-0-	1,000.
TOTAL OPER. OF PLANT	\$37,692.47	\$34,561.	\$30,938.
2550-TRANSPORTATION:			
5130-Regular Program (Elementary)	\$31,776.20	\$31,300.	\$28,000.
5130-Special Education Program	8,068.64	11,500.	11,500.
5130-Athletic Program	-0-	150.	150.
5130-Co-Curricular Program	-0-	-0-	150.
5130-Class/Field Trips	-0-	200.	200.
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$39,844.84	\$43,150.	\$40,000.
2900-BENEFITS:			
2110-Insurance (Health)	\$1,500.00	\$1,645.	\$2,809.
2140-Workmen's Compensation Insurance (All Staff)	1,525.20	1,584.	2,031.
2220-Retirement	361.93	-0-	200.
2300-FICA (Social Security)	3,301.88	2,880.	3,575.
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$6,689.01	\$6,109.	\$8,615.



	Expended 82-83	Current 83-84 Total	Proposed 84-85 Total
5000-OTHER OUTLAYS			
5100-DEBT SERVICE:			
8300-Principal of Debt	\$17,166.76	\$17,167.	\$13,957.
8400-Interest on Debt	2,039.13	1,240.	347.
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$19,205.89	\$18,407.	\$14,304.
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$610,914.49	\$656,073.	\$688,796.
BLOCK GRANT FUND	3,350.00	2,100.	2,500.
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		5,000.	
FOOD SERVICE FUND	22,525.46	18,300.	18,300.
TOTAL BUDGET	\$636,789.95	\$681,473.	\$709,596.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY:

##### 1000-INSTRUCTION:

1100-Regular Instructional Program	\$334,279.01	\$380,658.	\$389,694.
1200-Special Education Program	49,609.54	52,318.	74,085.
1300-Vocational Program	62,865.00	53,439.	54,946.
1400-Other Educational Programs	1,759.62	1,760.	5,047.
Total Instructional Programs	\$448,513.17	\$488,175.	\$523,772.

##### 2000-SUPPORT SERVICES:

2110-Attendance Service	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.	\$ 300.
2120-Guidance Service	741.63	900.	900.
2130-Health Service	5,811.21	6,222.	7,228.
2140-Psychological Services	1,026.00	2,526.	1,626.
2150-Speech Service	-0-	2,100.	2,900.
2210-Improvement of Staff	1,797.58	600.	600.
2220-Educational Media	1,531.17	1,750.	3,530.
2310-School Board	2,182.08	1,760.	1,510.
2320-Superintendent's Office	22,862.93	25,423.	27,918.
2410-School Administration	21,643.06	22,945.	23,625.
2520-Fiscal	1,073.45	1,145.	1,030
2450-Operation of the Plant	37,692.47	34,561.	30,9~

	Expended 82-83	Current 83-84 Total	Proposed 84-85 Total
2000-SUPPORT SERVICES: (continued)			
2550-Transportation	\$39,844.84	\$ 43,150.	\$ 40,000.
2900-Benefits	<u>6,689.01</u>	<u>6,109.</u>	<u>8,615.</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$143,195.43	\$149,491.	\$150,720.
5000-OTHER OUTLAYS:			
8000-Debt Service	<u>\$19,205.89</u>	<u>\$ 18,407.</u>	<u>\$13,304.</u>
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$610,914.49	\$656,073.	\$688,796.
BLOCK FUND TOTAL	3,350.00	2,100.	2,500.
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TOTAL		5,000.	
FOOD SERVICE TOTAL	<u>22,525.46</u>	<u>18,300.</u>	<u>18,300.</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	<u><u>\$636,789.95</u></u>	<u><u>\$681,473.</u></u>	<u><u>\$709,596.</u></u>

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 1 and 8, 1983

The annual meeting of the Strafford School District was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Moderator David Meserve.

A motion was made by Tyler Brown to postpone the meeting until 7:30 since it had been announced as such in a number of places. The motion was seconded and defeated by a show of hands vote.

The Warrant Articles were read as posted.

ARTICLE I. Christine Bozak moved to accept the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen as printed in the Annual Town Report of Strafford. This was seconded. Martha Connelly gave a brief report on the findings of the School Study Committee appointed by the Board as voted at the last School District Meeting. The final conclusions of the committee were read. It was voted in the affirmative to accept article one as moved.

ARTICLE II Tyler Brown moved that the school district

raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.) for the lease/purchase of two portable classrooms for use in special education and as a library, or for any other educational purpose. The motion was seconded.

The discussion following included the size and possible location of these units, a breakdown of the costs per year in the lease purchase plan and total cost if unit was purchased. Mr. Brown stated this was a temporary measure until adequate planning for present and future needs can be done. The possibility of the town voting next week to move the selectmen's office from the school and thereby freeing that space for school use was also discussed. A lengthy debate followed regarding actual space needs of the school as seen by the School Board, parents, and townspeople. The present lack of a library and the facilities for special education were topics for many questions. Present accommodations and possible future solutions were also discussed.

Moderator David Meserve at this point introduced a petition that this article be voted on by secret ballot.

Further discussion included the planning of the present school budget, the impact on taxpayers of this article and other fiscal considerations. The question was moved by Lester Huckins. This was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

A secret ballot was taken with officers of the checklists in attendance. The polls were declared opened at 8:08 P.M. The polls were declared closed at 8:30 P.M. 106 votes in the negative, 69 votes in the affirmative. The motion was declared defeated.

ARTICLE III Tyler Brown made a motion that the school district raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to establish a capital reserve fund for future capital improvements to the school.

At the advice of School Superintendent, Barry Clough, Mr. Brown then added to the article "in accordance with the provisions of RSA:35." This was declared necessary to make the article in accordance with the state law governing capital reserve funds.

The motion was seconded. The Moderator read the motion with the addition. A voice vote was declared undecided. A standing vote was taken by the officers of the checklist. The motion was declared voted in the affirmative by a vote of 94 in favor - 37 opposed. The motion was carried.

ARTICLE IV The Moderator read the article as printed. Mr. Clough recommends that it be changed to state "at the end of the 1982-83 school year".

Lester Huckins moved that the question be indefinitely postponed. The motion was seconded and a brief discussion followed regarding use of unex-

pended monies at the end of the school year to reduce the following year's school taxes. It was voted by voice vote in the affirmative to postpone article four.

A motion was then made by Martha Connolly to reconsider due to misunderstanding on the vote by some voters. This was seconded. It was declared legally acceptable to reconsider at the discretion of the Moderator. Mr. Meserve then explained the question again. The motion to reconsider was defeated.

ARTICLE V Erma Clark moved the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$681,473.00 (which includes the \$5,000. capital reserve fund) for the support of schools, the salaries of school district officials, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district. The motion was seconded and discussion followed regarding possibilities and implications of a deficit budget for the school year. It was stated by school board spokespersons that this was a "bare bones" budget which should avoid an unnecessary surplus at the end of the school year but has enough flexibility for some unexpected costs should they arise.

Mr. Fistere moved the question and the motion was carried by an aye/aye vote.

ARTICLE VI The Moderator read the article as printed. After a discrepancy was corrected in the stated number of high school students we have in the Town of Strafford, the question was voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE VII A motion was made and seconded to table article seven and carried by an affirmative vote.

ARTICLE VIII The Moderator read the article as printed.

Ken Constantine moved to introduce article two again, ammended to be contingent on the decision made next week at Town Meeting regarding the relocation of the Selectmen's office. This was ruled out of order because no money can be raised under this article.

Paul St. Clair made a motion to direct the School Board to pay the difference in tuition costs for those high school students attending Coe-Brown Academy. The difference is \$211. per pupil or \$4,222. for a total cost which would be paid by these students' parents next school year. Discussion followed including if the proposed budget would be able to cover this additional cost; why there are tuition differences between Spaulding High School, Dover High School, and Coe-Brown Academy; and what the options are for attending a specific one.

The motion was seconded and defeated by a voice vote.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Moderator David Meserve declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

MARCH 8, 1983

At a legal meeting of the School District of the Town of Strafford, inhabitants qualified to vote in the district affairs met at the Strafford Elementary School in said district on the 8th day of March, 1983 and elected the following officers:

Moderator - David Meserve - 302 votes

School Board Member for 3 years - Erma Clark - 209 votes  
- Tyler Brown - 169 votes

Auditor - Bertha Huckins - 8 write-in votes

School District Treasurer - Sandra L. Pierce - 347 votes

School District Clerk - Christina A. Brown - 312 votes

Respectfully submitted,

Christina A. Brown  
School District Clerk

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1983

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 2	Tiffany Pelley	Dover	Andrew S. Pelley	Julie A. Lessard
Jan. 15	Derek R. St. Gelais	Manchester	Richard L. Gelais	Carmen C. Boisvert
Feb. 5	Kassi S. Tibbetts	Rochester	John H. Tibbetts	Jana B. Huett
Feb. 27	Ryan J. Barringer	Concord	Raymond B. Barringer	Rhoda M. Marcotta
Mar. 13	Richard A. Watson	Hanover	Eddie A. Watson	Darlene M. Twombly
Mar. 20	Amie R. Gingras	Rochester	Rene J. Gingras	Shelly A. Sharples
Apr. 8	Jenifer N. Yeaton	Rochester	Alan L. Yeaton	Meggan Johnson
Apr. 29	Kelley M. Rowe	Exeter	Eric A. Rowe	Robyn M. Darby
Apr. 30	Quintin J. Mulleavey	Rochester	Denis R. Mulleavey	Ellen M. R. Crory
May 23	Garrett W. Fistere	Rochester	David C. Fistere	Elaine M. Talbot
May 29	Carl G. Nyberg	Concord	Charles G. Nyberg	Linda A. Fogg
May 29	Jessie Kitz	Rochester	George P. Kitz	Catherine Wardwell
June 14	Melissa B. MacLeod	Rochester	John E. MacLeod	Brenda M. Eddy
July 1	John D. Clark	Rochester	Steven D. Clark	Roberta R. Tufts
July 15	Danielle E. Houle	Concord	Daryl A. Houle	Patricia A. Barry
July 29	Brian A. Hayes	Concord	Kenneth D. Hayes	Virginia A. Marston
Aug. 19	Emily S. Perkins	Concord	David L. Perkins	Pamela Rowntree
Aug. 22	Patrick C. Kalil	Dover	Earl L. Kalil	Christine R. Mullen
Aug. 26	Nigel S. Sussman	Rochester	Andrew D. Sussman	Sally C. Leisegang
Oct. 17	Richard J. Sevigney III	Rochester	Richard J. Sevigney, Jr.	Julie A. Courtney
Oct. 24	Sarah L. Patrick	Dover	Bruce J. Patrick	Laura L. Balukonis



Date of Birth	Name of Child	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Dec. 7	Carrie A. Hurst	Rochester	Thomas J. Hurst	Rolande C. Melanson
Dec. 11	Peter D. Gosselin	Concord	David L. Gosselin	Susan L. Gauthier
Dec. 28	Stefan M. Kidhardt	Exeter	Paul E. Kidhardt	Phyllis E. Michniewicz
Dec. 30	Bryan A. Hayes	Rochester	Rodney G. Hayes	Donna M. Dowaliby

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Billye Waldron,  
Town Clerk



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1983

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Jan. 8	Robert L. Nasuti	Strafford	Lorraine M. Brown	Barrington
Feb. 13	Martin Buddelmann	Northwood	Lauretta F. King	Strafford
Mar. 24	Thomas J. Hurst	Strafford	Rolande C. Rivier	Strafford
May 14	Luke J. LaPanne	Strafford	Penelope A. Thurston	Barrington
May 21	George M. Morrisette	Strafford	Nonna J. Curtis	Strafford
May 14	Scott C. Sylvain	Rochester	Kimberly Rowell	Strafford
May 21	Bernard E. Fonner Jr.	Strafford	Faith R. Bursey	Londonderry
May 21	Henry J. Hodil	Strafford	Jennifer L. Hastings	Strafford
June 11	Steven D. Clark	Strafford	Roberta R. Tufts	Strafford
June 18	Brian W. Thorne	Strafford	Elizabeth A. Brochu	Rochester
June 24	Parks L. Christenbury III	Dover	Suzanne K. Pomerleau	Strafford
July 16	Robert F. Tebbetts	Strafford	Constance A. Rouillard	Strafford
July 16	Arthur S. Crouch	Dunellon, FL	Shirley A. Crosby	Strafford
Aug. 13	Edward R. Fabian	Strafford	Carol A. Cousineau	Rochester
Aug. 13	Christopher B. Roberts	New York, NY	Jennifer S. Dupee	New York, NY
Aug. 20	Alfred R. Berry III	Strafford	Brenda S. Dodge	Northwood
Sept. 17	George I. Bouchard	Strafford	Bette C. Stephens	Strafford
Sept. 17	Chad S. Elliot	Strafford	Ruth A. Armstrong	Rochester
Oct. 8	Don J. Clifford	Northwood	Carol M. StClair	Strafford
Oct. 15	Richard D. Spaulding	Strafford	Linda L. Coker	Strafford
Nov. 19	James B. Ellis	Strafford	Cheryl A. Topliffe	Strafford
Dec. 30	Alfred P. Olson	Strafford	Susan M. Roche	N. Andover, MA

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# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1983

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Mar. 19	Frank R. Roderick	Rochester		
Mar. 20	Amanda J. Bouchard	Hanover	Arthur Bouchard Jr.	Judy MacDougall
Mar. 27	Joseph P. Abbruzzese	Strafford	Carmien Abbruzzese	Dorothy Brown
Mar. 29	Eleanor M. Hall	Manchester	Eldbridge Cummings	Eleanor M. Daley

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